Construction of a dam across Neyyar.

59. ✻ MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state how far the investigation for the construction of a dam across Neyyar has been carried out and if investigation has been carried out what is the result of the investigation?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Preliminary investigation has been carried out and the work is roughly estimated to cost Rs. 70 lakhs at pre-war rates. Proposals for a detailed investigation are under consideration.

Major irrigation tanks in Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum.

60. ✻ MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the major irrigation tanks in Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum taluks within the meaning of the Irrigation Act;

(*b*) what is the area of each of the above tanks and the area irrigated by these tanks;

(*c*) whether those tanks are now useful to hold water for irrigation purposes;

(*d*) whether there is any scheme under which these tanks are annually repaired; and

(*e*) how many, if any, minor irrigation tanks in the above two taluks have been renovated and repaired during 1120 and what is the cost of such renovation and repair?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) None in the Neyyattinkara taluk, one in the Trivandrum taluk, Anathazhachira in Andoorkonam pakuthi.

(*b*) 12·33 acres—ayacut 242·75 acres.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 8 in Trivandrum taluk and 19 in Neyyattinkara taluk, the cost of renovation and repair being Rs. 2,891 and Rs. 16,364 respectively up to the end of Medom 1120.

Nagercoil Water Works.

61. ✻ MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the population of the Nagercoil Municipal town;

(*b*) the capacity of the Nagercoil Water Works Reservoir at Mukkadal;

(*c*) the maximum population whose demand the reservoir can ordinarily be expected to satisfy;

(*d*) the population and the distance from the main pipe line leading from the Mukkadal Reservoir to Nagercoil of each of the following villages—*viz.*, Bhoothapandy, Easanthimangalam, Navalcaud, Erachakulam, Putheri and Thazhakudi: and

(*e*) the present sources of drinking water supply to each of these villages?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 51,657.

(*b*) 60·99 million Cft.

(*c*) 77,800.

(*d*) About a mile each except Thazhakudi which is 3 miles distant.

(*e*) Pipe water is supplied to Bhoothapandy. Other villages are served by wells.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government will take it from me that the villages excepting Bhoothapandy and Thazhakudy are only two miles from the main pipe line?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: They are within one mile.

MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware that the water in these villages is brackish and that the people depend upon tank water for drinking? Will they consider the feasibility of extending the pipe line from Mukkadal?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Mukkadal water does not suffice even for Nagercoil.

Mallappally Bridge.

62. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state when the construction of the Mallappally Bridge will be started and what progress they have so far made in the execution of the scheme?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Chief Engineer would give us an idea as to when this bridge will be taken up for construction?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Some time next year. We have begun the investigations

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is not adequate budget provision in the next year's budget for the construction of this bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: In the hope that we will be able to get through, we have made a provision,

Construction of bridges over the Neyyar.

63. * MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether representations have not been made for the construction of a bridge over the Neyyar at—

(i) Mandapathu Kadavu,

(ii) Mampazhakarai, and

(iii) Poovar;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the serious handicaps to the ryots in the matter of travel and transporting their goods to market places?

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